



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 19 April —Year A

We had been hoping.

How often we've said or thought that:

We had been hoping.

That love would last or a relationship would get deeper,
That illness would ease or death would be delayed,
That employment would come or a raise would be offered,
That life would be enjoyable, comfortable:

We had been hoping.

And there have been disappointments:

Let-downs by friends, by family,
Promotions not found in a job,
Success in exams lost,
Prayers not answered,
Love lost or not found.

How to get through this?

The apostles had put faith in Jesus,
Had invested much of their lives in him.

Their disappointment blocked their faith in his resurrection.

We had been hoping.

Yes, it was ordained that glory comes through suffering;
There's the love and growth and fullness
Discovered even in disappointment.
Even in the darkness of disappointment,
Do we not find glimpses of light?
And we know in the heart
That nothing except love is lasting.

He vanished from their sight,
But left the Eucharist;
A sure sign

That no disappointment is final,
That there is always hope,
And the possibility of new life.

**Was it not ordained that I should suffer
and so enter into glory?**



St John the Evangelist Parish acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the wider Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

**"St John's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards
& acknowledges that Child Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility."**

Parish Information

Normal Weekend Mass Times

St John's: Sat Vigil, 6pm, Sun 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm

Our Lady's: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sun 9.30am

Parish Office Hours (Parish Office is closed on Mondays):

Tuesday-Friday 9am-3.30pm

Parish Secretary: Manuela Brambilla

Bereavement Ministry: Jenny Kearney 0413 826 468

Pastoral Care: Loredana Iacobucci 0423 313 336

Christian Meditation Group: Chris Ryan

House of Books (house next door to the Church): 9401 6306

RE for Government Schools: Trish Chaston trish.chaston@cam.org.au

Safeguarding Committee Co-ordinator: Manuela Brambilla

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle

Parish Priest Fr Dispin John

Supported by Fr Michael Kelly, CSsR and Fr Maurie Cooney

St John's School

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 9874 1575

Principal: Mrs Verona Gridley

vgridley@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

St James School

51 Centre Road, Vermont, 9874 1830

Principal: Mr Dave Mutimer

principal@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au

Services:

St Vincent De Paul:

Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood 9870 9124

Welfare Assistance 1800 305 330

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 9401 6366 OR VIA EMAIL MITCHAM@CAM.ORG.AU
TO ACCESS ANY OF THESE PEOPLE OR SERVICES

Parish Information & Daily Readings

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1	Jn 6:30-35
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 8:1-8	Jn 6:35-40
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59
Sat: Isaiah 9:1-6	Jn 12:23-28

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

Weekday Masses

St John's

Tue 10am Mass

Wed 10am Mass

Thur No Mass

Fri 10am Mass

Our Lady's

6pm Mass

9.15am Mass



Two disciples,
sad and with no hope.
They didn't even have to
find him—he found them.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Anna Kirkham** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **John Paisley, Barry Brindle, Edward Berhardt, Phang Mooi Lan, Tung Eu Kow, Jan, Miecia and Zyguich.**



Tuesday Mass for healing of the sick



Prayers are offered and are followed by a **Novena of Saint Mary MacKillop**. If you know of someone who might need our special prayers or to be added to the Novena List please email the parish office mitcham@cam.org.au and leave a message for those you wish to be prayed for **by Monday afternoons**. Keeping you in our prayers. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to keep the name/s of your loved one, as we are updating the current list."

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Plaques for this pastoral project may be ordered at any time for any deceased person who either was a parishioner at St John's or who was buried from St John's Church. The forms are in the Newsstands. **These forms now include the Interment of Ashes at St. John's.** The completed forms can be handed into the Parish Office.
Enquiries: Parish Office 9401 6366



April 25/26	St John's 6.00pm	St John's 8.30am	St John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am	St John's 5.00pm
C'Tator	M Bredhaur	B Mills	N Vernal	J Kiekebosh	
Lectors	A Livy	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	C Lobo
Eucharist	M Livy	A Tham	G Gartland	A Glenn	C Kook
	E Booth	B Mills	M Lafferty	P Darmody	M Kristan
	R McIntosh		C Bramble	S Dowds	
			R Jess		
Laptop operator		J Phoa	J Curtis		
Children Liturgist		N Christina	M Hendrianto		

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
RINGWOOD NEWS**



Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5pm
Sunday at 9.30am

Weekday service

6.00pm Tue: Mass and Novena
9.15am Thurs: Mass

Ringwood Parish website:

<http://pol.org.au/ringwood/Home.aspx>

Phone: 0468 589 039

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's on the first Friday of the month at 9.30am.



MORNING TEA VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Bring your cheerful energy to our Sunday morning tea ministry! Join us after the 9:45 am Mass to serve and get to know your fellow parishioners. For more info, please call the parish office on 9401 6366.

JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS

When we lose a loved one, the emotions can be overwhelming, grieving can take many forms.

Our friendly and informal gathering gives an opportunity to support each other as we journey through grief and loss.

Please join us:

Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am

St John's Parish Office

*"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength".
2 Timothy 4:17*

Gold coin donation welcome

✦ ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP ✦

**1st Sunday of Every Month
5PM-8PM**

Next gathering will be held on Sunday 3rd May

We start at **5PM Mass**

Then head to the Zebedee Room for:

- Pizza Real conversations
- Bible reflections (Sunday readings)
- Games + good vibes

A place to belong, to grow and to have fun.

Bring a friend & come through!

For more info please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

**Children's Liturgy at St John's
Every Sunday at 9.45 and 11.15am
during school term**

Children will move to the Narthex of Church for their own Liturgy of the Word. All ages welcome.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends in the Narthex following the 10am Mass.

All are welcome

Friday 24 April from 10:30am to 11:30am



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Aston Patrick Lee, Isabella Lee,
Emily Racheal Rankin**

*into the life of the Catholic Church
through the Community of St John's*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2026

"Come and See"

John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God"... The disciples asked "Where do you live?"... "Come and see", Jesus replied. Jn 1:36-39



Wanting more than the clamour and busy-ness at Mass? Consistent meditation is known to help calm our busy minds. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you can benefit from meditation – even if you are new to it. Free of charge. All welcome. All enquiries Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366 - or simply turn up in the church on the night. Our next gathering will be on Monday evening, **11 May at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

**Continuing 'FAITH FORMATION' gatherings
An evening with FRANCIS and CLARE OF ASSISI**

In this 800th anniversary year of the death of St Francis of Assisi, his situation and that of his companion St Clare of Assisi may cast some light on our own being 'of faith' and 'of the Church' for our beautiful but broken world : their and our circumstances are remarkably similar!

MONDAY 27th April, 7-9pm, Narthex at St John's.

Led by visitor Jane Bertelsen (familiar with Parish life in Melbourne, facilitator of 'Franciscan spirituality' seminars, most recently Congregation Leader (international) of Franciscan Missionaries of Divine Motherhood.

All invited to join in, participate and enjoy: drinks and nibbles throughout the evening!

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 6th May**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 4 May. All are welcome.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2026

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

RETURN OF PARISH KEYS

We kindly ask anyone who may still have parish keys that are no longer in use to please return them to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Over time, keys may have been issued for various roles or responsibilities, and ensuring their return helps us maintain the safety and security of our facilities. Keys can be returned during office hours or placed in a clearly marked envelope and dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you for your cooperation and for your continued support of our parish community.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR MEMBERS OF MINISTRIES AT ST. JOHN PARISH MITCHAM

2nd May 2026
10:30 am to 6 pm
Mass @ 6 pm

Coghlan Centre
St. John's Parish—Mitcham

Facilitator:

Fr. Matthew Tonini is a Carmelite priest and Chaplain of Whitefriars College in Donvale

The retreat will provide opportunities for reflection, spiritual growth, and building our faith community. The retreat will also foster a connection/reconnection of ministry members in the spirit of service.

Cost: \$20.00 (morning & afternoon tea, and lunch)

RSVP: Friday 24 April 2026

Contact: Parish Office 94016366

SPIRITUALITY DINNER

Topic: Centering Prayer - re-imagining the nature of spiritual transformation in the 21st Century

Date: Friday, 1st May 2026, 5.30pm– 8.30pm

Venue: 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, VIC 3155

Presenter: Rob Leslie who is a Quaker and a Centring Prayer practitioner. He is currently undertaking a research project on Centring Prayer at the Melbourne University of Divinity.

Suggested donation: \$35/ Per Person

Booking is essential:

Tel. 9762.6625; Mobile: 0432261194 (Fr. Thien)

Email: enquiries@janssencentre.au

Web: www.janssencentre.au

Bank Acc. Name: Divine Word Missionaries

BSB: 063108; Ac. No.: 1050 6541

Under Description: Your Name

ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP

Did you know our cards are for sale from the Piety Stall after weekend Masses? We have a great selection of cards including Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy and Confirmation cards. Our cards are also available to purchase from the House of Books and the Parish Office. All profits from our card sales continue to benefit the work of St Vincent de Paul. Please contact us via the Parish Office if you have any queries. Thanks Monika and Card Making Team.



Catholics urged to step up for National Walk for Truth

Please click on the link to learn more.

<https://cathnews.com/2026/04/08/catholics-urged-to-step-up-for-national-walk-for-truth/>

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

If you are a volunteer at St John's and you have not done the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we encourage you to do it asap as it is a compulsory requirement to comply with the Safeguarding policies and procedures. You can access it at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?> Let's work together to keep children safe!

HOUSE OF BOOKS

Monday—Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

Closed Sundays & Public Holidays.



The shop has a great range of good quality second hand books at very low prices. Proceeds support St John's and St Vincent de Paul. Phone: 9401 6306

St Johns Women's 2026 Retreat Weekend Awakening

to life, love and prayer

June 26th – 28th

This gentle and reflective retreat offers an opportunity to slow down, listen, and be awakened in a new way to your self, to God and to other

When: Friday June 26th, 7.30pm
to Sunday June 28th, 3pm

Where: Santhom Grove (formerly Pallotti College)
McNamaras Rd Millgrove.

What: Sleep, read, chat, walk – also a gentle facilitated program

Facilitator: Mo Cromar



**A prayerful weekend of light,
love, language and laughter.**

More information and registration:

Email: lorraine613@bigpond.com

Link: <https://forms.gle/oENTvxH56DkRVSXW8>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— APRIL—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub in the Narthex. We are currently requesting: **coffee, rice, tinned vegetables long life milk.** All Enquiries to **Danny Rafferty 0437 498 877**



HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's Church and will give parishioners direct access to our account. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.



Thank you for your continued support

If you would like to support our Parish via TAP and GO please use the terminals located in the narthex and in the church. All you need to do is to select the amount displayed and tap the terminal with your credit card / debit card / smart phone or smart watch—your contribution will go straight into our Church account.

If you would like to **contribute to the support of our Priests** here are the Bank details:

Account name: St Johns Presbytery Account

BSB 083347

ACCT NO. 459 634 437